

Amendments to the Claims:

1 - 8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A packaging material comprising
two plies defining between them a cavity, and
a substance, capable of retaining gases in its environment, disposed in the
cavity,
the two plies being made of a material permeable to gaseous ethylene and
impermeable to water vapor, ~~the substance having a moisture content not exceeding~~
~~2% of its dry weight~~ with the material of at least one of the plies having open pores
with electrical polarity.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The material as claimed in claim 9, wherein the two plies
are made of the same material.

12. (previously presented) The material as claimed in claim 9, wherein the substance
is bonded to one of the plies.

13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) A package having at least one wall made of a material as
claimed in claim 9.

15. (previously presented) Packaged vegetable matter, packaged in a package as claimed in claim 14.

16. (previously presented) The packaged vegetable matter as claimed in claim 15, wherein the packaged vegetable matter is not in direct contact with the substance of the packaging material.